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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with William Woodruff on Agency Expenditures
for [] and Other Matters

1. Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, called and asked if we would give him a briefing this afternoon on Agency expenditures for programs []. He said the subject had come up in a conversation which he had with Chairman Ellender this morning and he wanted to check the accuracy of his statements about matters of Agency interest. Later in the day, I accompanied [] and [] to a meeting with Woodruff on the subject. Mr. [] gave Woodruff a general briefing on the [] which entirely satisfied Woodruff's requirements. Woodruff said that while his explanation to the Chairman had been lacking in detail, it was sufficiently accurate that he saw no need to discuss it further with the Chairman.

2. When [] explained that our expenditures for the [] were temporarily frozen and being substantially reduced, Woodruff agreed with the position Waller said was being taken that these expenditures be removed from the [] category in future budget presentations.

3. I queried Woodruff about the status of pending business in the Senate and he said the House and Senate had agreed to the Conference Report on the DOD bill and the issue concerning the D. C. budget had been resolved. He commented that the aid to Israel provision had been removed from the Defense bill and placed in the Continuing Resolution which is the only business which must be disposed of before adjournment and is necessary to authorize the continuance of foreign aid programs. He added, however, that it is expected that the aid to Israel provision will spark considerable debate and could delay adjournment until sometime next week.

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4. There is a specific provision in the Continuing Resolution which will authorize funding of the Radios until the Resolution expires on 1 March 1972.

5. Mr. Woodruff mentioned that the budget letter had been signed and we could pick it up as soon as he and Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, resolve a minor technical matter in connection with it.

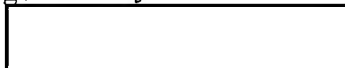
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